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1. I AM SORRY TO LEARN OF GENERAL VOGT'S REASSIGNMENT FROM USSAG, ALTHOUGH I AM COMFORTED BY THE THOUGHT THAT IN HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT WE WILL STILL HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HIS COMPETENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA FOR THE FUTURE.

2. SINCE GENERAL VOGT IS VERY HIGHLY REGARDED HERE IN RVN, I TRUST WE WILL ALSO BE PERMITTED, IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT, TO INFORM PRESIDENT THIEU AND GENERAL VOGT'S MANY OTHER FRIENDS AMONG SENIOR OFFICIALS, OF HIS IMPENDING DEPARTURE FROM NKP AND OF HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT. I WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO ACCOMPANYING HIM ON HIS FAREWELL CALLS HERE.

3. GENERAL VOGT'S PRESENCE SO CLOSE BY, AND THE AFFECTION AND TRUST FELT FOR HIM BY SO MANY GVN OFFICIALS, HAS HAD VERY GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGES FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF US OBJECTIVES HERE DURING THE CURRENTLY EVOLVING NEW VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP.

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RM THE PERSONALITY, COMPETENCE, AND EVEN THE GRADE OF HIS SUCCESSOR WILL ALSO BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, AS WELL AS ANY CHANGE IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF USSAG IN THE FUTURE. I HOPE, THEREFORE, TO TOUCH ON

THESE MATTERS DURING MY CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON NEXT
WEEK.
MARTIN

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